

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Upon entry of this response, Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-22, 24, 37-38, and 40-41 will be all the claims pending in the instant application. Instantly, claims 1 and 40 are amended while claim 25 is cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit no new matter has been added by the present amendment. Support for the amendment can be found generally throughout the text. It should be noted this amendment is not in acquiescence of the Office's position on the allowability of the claims, but merely to expedite prosecution.

The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections and objections presented in the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-22, 24-25, 37-38, and 40-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Obrecht, US Pat. Pub. No. 2001/0006995 (hereafter "Obrecht").

According to the Office, Obrecht discloses a non-aqueous composition, specifically Example 17 in Table 4 of Obrecht, having 20% of at least one crosslinkable organic medium (A) having a viscosity of less than 1,000 mPas at a temperature of 120°C (dimeric toluylene diisocyanate). Claim 1 has been amended to now feature that the crosslinkable organic medium (A) is selected from the group consisting of polyols based on polyesters, polyethers, polyether polyesters, epoxy resins, unsaturated polyester resins, and acrylate resins. In contrast, Obrecht does not disclose a polyol as the organic crosslinkable medium. Obrecht discloses, as indicated by the Office, dimeric TDI as the crosslinkable medium. This is not a polyol. Further, as indicated in the instant Specification, the crosslinkable organic medium polyol can be reacted with aromatic isocyanates such as TDI. *See paragraph [0089] of the instant Specification.* Thus, it is clear that the instantly claimed crosslinkable organic medium (A) does not feature an isocyanate. Therefore,

Obrecht does not teach each and every feature of claim 1, as amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-22, 24-25, 37-38, and 40-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Obrecht as evidenced by the instant Specification and *Perstop "Toluene Diisocyanate Handling Guide,"* in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,136,923 to Cheung et al. and further in view of EP 1078953 to Obrecht et al.

As shown above Obrecht does not teach the same organic crosslinkable medium as now featured in amended claim 1, namely a polyol selected from the group consisting of polyols based on polyesters, polyethers, polyether polyesters, epoxy resins, unsaturated polyester resins, and acrylate resins. Further, none of the supporting references add to Obrecht to cure this deficiency to teach such a crosslinkable medium to render claim 1 obvious. As such, claim 1 is not obvious in view of Obrecht in combination with any or all of the cited references. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

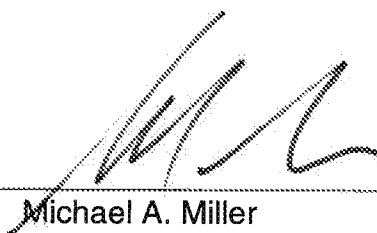
Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-22, 24, 37-38, and 40-41 either directly or indirectly depend from claim 1 and are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as set forth above with regard to claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims in the instant Application are now in condition for allowance. A prompt response to this Amendment in the form of a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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